

Michelle E. "Miki" White: Director, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Division

Michelle E. "Miki" White was appointed Director of FEMA's Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Division by Director Joe M. Allbaugh in August 2002. In that capacity, she is responsible for developing political strategies to support FEMA's mission, analyzing legislation, communicating with Congressional members, and maintaining the agency's partnerships with state and local partners, nonprofit associations, the White House, and other federal agencies. Previously, she had served as Legislative Branch Chief and Acting Director of the division.

Before joining FEMA, Ms. White was legal advisor for the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. In that position, she was responsible for drafting legislation and planning strategy related to national pipeline safety and security, and transportation of hazardous materials.

Ms. White had also served as counsel for the House Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, where she drafted the Preparedness Against Terrorism Act of 2000. She also served as an investigative attorney for the U.S. House Committee on Government Reform and as legislative correspondent for the Office of Senator Bob Dole.

A native of Council Grove, Kan., Ms. White earned a bachelor of science degree in journalism from the University of Kansas, and received her law degree from the Washburn University School of Law. She also studied in Asia, at the Duke University Law School's Asia-America Institute in Transnational Law, in Hong Kong, and through the Santa Clara University Law School's Intellectual Property Program in Toyko. She is a member of the New York Bar Association.

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